

INFASTRY WILL WIN, BUT MILITERS ASSIST

Expert Combats Idea That
America Can Conquer Ger-
many From Air.

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ing Star and Chicago Daily News.)

ON THE WESTERN FRONT, August 12.—Now that the Germans have adopted what amounts to a defensive policy, their task is easier and ours has become more difficult. In each battle they develop new methods of defense, and we must improve our offensive methods to fit. In each battle the German air service fights a little harder and the task of overcoming it gets more difficult and requires more and better machines.

In the last English attack some of the squadrons engaged numbered thirty and more machines. The English finally triumphed, but only after many hard-fought battles. If the German planes mature they will have a largely increased fleet of fighting craft next spring, and the allies, including America, must be prepared to deal with them.

The American aeronautic program, gigantic as it may seem, is none too large. A certain number of airplanes will undoubtedly be supplied to the allied governments. Another and, as it will be found, a very large portion will be worn out or broken up in the training of American pilots. The number of artillery control and reconnaissance machines that can be efficiently used and that are required by troops actively engaged is constantly increasing, and, in addition, types of this airplane must be constructed at the rate of at least 40 per cent a month. On top of that come the fast fighting scouts.

Fast Machines Last a Month.
Considering the strength of the Germans and the fact that it will be we who are on the offensive, machines of this type will be required in tremendous numbers. The average life of these machines on the front will be somewhat less than a month, so here, too, the question of replacement will assume important proportions. Thousands of airplanes must be constructed, but constructed in such a way that they will not alone bring victory. In the summer offensive of a year ago the British had as complete a mastery of the air as can ever be attained, yet the ground gained at that time was not large. Although aerially blinded, the Germans fought for every foot.

Nothing would please the German high command more than to have Americans think that building airplanes will win the war. No other self-delusion could be more harmful to America. The United States and we over here have no reason to feel other than optimistic. That does not justify building air castles.

The American heroes of this war and the men who will contribute most toward final victory will be infantrymen, not aviators.

DIAMOND FINDS ITS WAY INTO THE MELTING POT

Contribution Made to Increase the
Red Cross Fund—Other
Valuables Donated.

A diamond has found its way into the Red Cross melting pot. This is the first diamond, although there are any number of emeralds, rubies, brooches and other articles of jewelry.

The diamond is the set of a shirt-stud. The donor is L. Helinger.

A \$1 bill has been contributed by a stranger. Other paper money given was in the form of "shin-plasters," ten or fifteen small notes of the fractional paper currency of civil war days, in face value from five cents to fifty cents.

The donor, Milton H. Hickox, of the Kenesaw apartments, also contributed the largest offering of old coins that has been poured into the Red Cross melting pot. They were of every denomination, nation and metal used in coinage.

Mrs. Jusseland Delivers Gift.
The wife of the French ambassador, Mrs. Jusseland, was the medium of a gift to the Red Cross melting pot. Mrs. L. Mareau, of 730 South Washington street, Philadelphia, transmitted through Mrs. Jusseland a contribution, which was duly delivered.

Hillard Harper is a small boy, who shows up nearly every day with some donation. Now it is a bit of broken silver. Again it is tin or lead foil. It is something else at another time. He is a regular subscriber.

Albert Harris is another boy contributor. He left some solder and tin foil.

Among contributors are "two ladies" and again, "two ladies" from Georgetown, who donated some old gold and silver. Louis Young gave some old gold. Mrs. Duval gave old gold. Gold and silver were donated by Mrs. Seiderman. Brass and copper was the gift of Mrs. C. H. Hicks.

Donation of Heavy Ware.
A large contribution of heavy ware came from Mrs. L. Mareau. She donated a water pitcher, a waste bowl, a sugar bowl and a butter dish. Miss Julia A. Thompson, 1748 S. Street, N. W., gave two pairs of pine-nez, some pieces of silver and cash.

Henry C. Berchinger, manager of Galt & Brother, in the window of whose store the Red Cross melting pot has been set up, has tendered a big wagon to convey to the Red Cross melting pot any materials which it may not be convenient for the prospective donors to deliver.

BAND CONCERTS.
At the United States Marine barracks this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, by the United States Marine Band: Walter F. Smith, second leader.

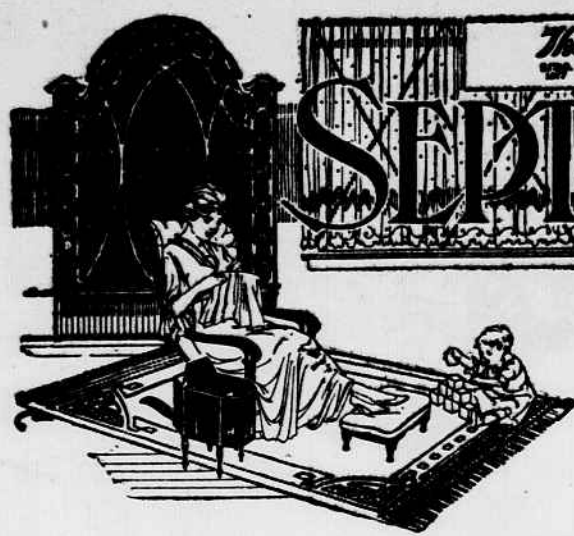
Program.
March, "Clear for Action." Blankenburg
Overture, "Zampa." Herold
Musical scenes from Spain. Laury
Popular ditty, song, "Poor Butter-
fly."
(b) March song, "Sons of Amer-
ica."
Waltz, "The Bachelors." Santelmann
Grand military tattoo. Bogau
March, "Italian Riflemen." Ellenberg
"The Star Spangled Banner."
The audience is required to stand at attention, men with their hats removed, while the band is playing "The Star Spangled Banner."

By the United States Soldiers' Home Band this afternoon at 4 o'clock: John S. M. Zimmermann, director.
March, "Flag Day." Schramm
Overture, "Pique Dame." Suppa
Morocco, "Shadow Ballet." Bendix
Selection, "Simon Boccanegra." Verdi
Fox trot, "She's Dixie All the Time." Tierney
Waltz suite, "Moonlight on the Hudson." Hermann
Serenade, "Spring Morning."
Finale, "Wig Wag." MacLennan
"The Star Spangled Banner."

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Complete Supplies for Knitting—Here

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SEPTEMBER HOME-FURNISHING SALES

THE Opportunity of the Year to Buy Rugs, Draperies, Lace Curtains, Portieres, Decorative Hangings of All Kinds, Linoleum and Similar Floor Coverings, Household Utilities, Bed Comforts, Beds and Furniture

This is THE TIME to fit up your home and save money. Prepare now for the coming cold days of autumn and winter. Splendid assortments in every line—merchandise of desirable quality.

Thousands of Pairs of Handsome Curtains to Select From at 69c, 98c, \$1.35, \$1.95, \$2.25, \$3.50 and \$4.50 Pr.

Also Beautiful Foreign and Domestic Curtains at \$7.50, \$12.50, \$15 and Up to \$25 Pr.

Hundreds of Pairs of Scrim and Lace Curtains, Opening Special, 98c Pair

In this group are Marquissettes, Scrim and Voiles, highly mercerized qualities. Some with dainty cluny edges, others finished with filet insertions and turn-back hems. Nottingham and Quaker Lace Curtains, in regulation sizes. Choice of white, beige or ivory.

Marquissette Curtains
Special September Sale Price
\$1.95 Pair

A splendid assortment of curtains, suitable for living room, dining room and sun parlor. Beautiful hand-drawn work borders; also Voile Curtains with cluny insertions and edges. Unexcelled qualities that will be admired by every woman. Choice of white, ivory or ecru.

\$1.75 Nottingham Lace Curtains at \$1.35 Pair

Extra Special for the September Sale

Choice of several hundreds of pairs, in neat, new and handsome effects. They come in white, ivory and beige.

Net Curtains
Special September Sale Price
\$3.50 Pair

Made of imported nets, with real cluny lace insertion and turn-back hems. Also Marquissette Curtains with cluny lace and insertions. A very large assortment at this price. Wonderful qualities. Don't miss this exceptional offering.

Swiss Net and Marquissette Curtains Special, \$4.50 Pair

With Cluny Lace Edges and Insertions

Swiss Net Curtains with cluny insertions and edges; Marquissette Curtains with heavy turn-back hems, lace edges and insertions, in white and beige. Special at \$4.50 pair.

Extraordinary Assortment of Net Curtains Special, \$2.25 Pr.

Quaker and Nottingham Curtains, in choice of 100 patterns in beige, white or ivory. For the opening of this great September Sale—while they last—\$2.25 pair.

Palais Royal—Second Floor.

Tremendous Savings in Rugs

Brought to Washington From the

Great New York Auction Rug Sale of Alexander Smith & Sons

(Held Last April)

And hundreds of beautiful rugs purchased at the same time, at wonderful reductions, from other leading rug mills of America. All these rugs have been held in reserve in our warehouse since last spring, and are offered greatly below the real values today. SALE STARTED THIS MORNING.

27x54-inch Heavy-grade Axminster Rugs. Very special. \$2.65

36x70-inch Heavy-grade Axminster Rugs. Very special. \$4.25

9x12-ft. Seamless Wilton Velvet Rugs. Very special. \$46.80

9x12-ft. Royal Wilton Rugs; linen fringe. \$54.50

8.3x10.6-ft. Royal Wilton Rugs; also fringed. Special. \$47.50

8.3x10.6-ft. Seamless Axminster Rugs; Alexander Smith & Sons' Yonkers quality. \$28.50

9x12-ft. Seamless Axminster Rugs. Very special at. \$31.50

6x9-ft. Seamless Axminster Rugs; Beauvais quality, made by S. Sanford & Sons. \$18.50

9x12-ft. Axminster Rugs; limited quantity. \$35 value. \$22.50

8.3x10.6-ft. Wilton Velvet Rugs; seamless. \$45 grade. \$37.50

Domestic Persian Silk Rugs

Imitations of Genuine Persian Silk Rugs.

22x52-inch size; regularly \$7.50. Sale price, \$4.95

27x54-inch size; regularly \$8.95. Sale price, \$5.95

36x60-inch size; regularly \$11.95. Sale price, \$8.75

69c value Brussels Stair Carpet. Sale price. 55c

\$1.00 value Velvet Stair Carpet. Sale price. 85c

\$1.50 value Wilton Stair Carpet. Sale price. \$1.19

Palais Royal—Second Floor.

30,000 Yards of Beautiful Domestic and Fine Imported Cretonnes in 500 Different Colorings and Rich and Exquisite Designs

Many of which are exclusively shown in the Palais Royal Upholstery Store. A dozen different assortments.

At 14c, 19c, 24c, 29c, 35c, 45c, 59c, 69c to 98c Yard

At 14c Actual 25c values, in a big assortment of beautiful patterns.

At 29c Actual 39c and 35c values, in Cretonnes that include exact reproductions of fine tapestries, etc.

98c Cretonnes, Special at 79c

Cretonnes, 50 inches wide; would be a great bargain even at the regular price. For the great September Sale, only 79c yard.

Special at 47c—Actual 59c Values

Reproductions in Cretonnes of 16th Century Tapestries. Wonderful handsome materials; a very choice selection to choose from. September Sale price, 47c.

45c Qualities, Special at 39c Yard

One of the BIG assortments and very interesting. 50 different patterns, which represent nearly every period and will fit in with any decorative scheme.

PROBABLY ONE OF THE FINEST COLLECTIONS OF CRETONNES WE HAVE EVER SHOWN

Now at 69c & 75c Yd.

There are 65 styles in this lot, and the assortment represents the CREAM of five of the leading manufacturers. The qualities are superb. A rare and unusual value.

Palais Royal—Second Floor.

Three Carloads of Best Linoleums

From Leading Manufacturers Offered at Great Savings

In the September Home-Furnishing Sale

75c Best Printed Linoleum, 55c square yard.
75c Best Linoleum, small rolls, 39c square yard.
Large variety of patterns.

Best Inlaid Linoleum
\$1.65 kind, at \$1.25 yard.

\$1.65 kind (remnants of 5 to 6 yards), 95c square yard.

\$2 Rubber Matting. Sale price, \$1.49 yard.

For halls, stairs or runners in offices or theaters.

Straw Matting. Regular 40c quality at 23c yard.

Grade A1. Makes splendid bedroom floor covering.

Red Cedar Chests at 1/4 Off Regular Prices

Genuine Red Cedar from the forests of Tennessee, made into fine, durable, handsomely finished chests; various designs and sizes. Prices range from \$8.50 to \$17.00.

\$6.98 Folding Screens. Sale price, \$4.75.

Three and four fold screens, in white enamel and oak; filled with a fine grade of double burlap.

Sofa Pillows. Sale price, 89c to \$1.25.

Filled with silk floss and covered with our best grade cretonnes.

Palais Royal—Second Floor.

Special Purchase and Sale Extraordinary=== Several Thousand Pcs. Triple Coated Enamelware

In the September Sale of Housewares—In the Very Desirable and Durable Old English Gray. Splendid Qualities! Every Piece Absolutely Perfect.

Actual Values on Today's Market, 75c to 98c Ea.—Hundreds of Different Pieces.

49c Each



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Including 4-quart Tea Kettles, 3-quart Berlin Saucepans and covers, 4-quart Berlin Saucepans and covers, 6-quart Berlin Saucepans and covers, 6-quart Water Pails, 6-quart Preserving Kettles.

McDougal Kitchen Cabinets, the best at less than usual prices. \$19.50 to \$37.50.

Shoe Blacking Cases, with iron foot rest and imitation leather top. Regularly \$1.49 at 88c.

Higdon Carpet Sweepers, sanitary. Regularly \$2.50, at \$1.50.

Folding Sewing Tables, 19 1/2 inches, oak finished, steel springs. Regularly \$1.45, at \$1.19.

Combination Chair and sofa, made, Regularly \$1.70, at \$1.50.

Gas Irons, complete with 6 feet of hose. Regularly \$2.25 at \$1.69.

Pure Aluminum Double Boilers. Regularly \$1.98, at \$1.39.

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Pure Aluminum Saucepan Sets, 1, 1 1/2 and 2 quart size pans, at 88c.

BARGAIN BASEMENT

Extraordinary Purchase and Sale of Women's High-Grade New Fall Sweaters===

Actual Values, \$5.98, \$6.98, \$7.50 and to \$10.00

A fortunate purchase of about 300 Very Fine Wool Sweaters from one of the leading American sweater manufacturers, including some of his finest samples. A few have very minor defects—so slight that they will in no way affect the wear or appearance of the sweaters.

Included in the assortment are Heavy, Medium and Light Weight Wool, Jersey Weaves, Brush, Eponge, Rope and Novelty Knit Sweaters.

A wonderful assortment of styles—slip-on, large and small sailor collars, sash and regulation belts, with styles of pockets. All plain shades as well as many beautiful combinations, such as pink and white, green and white, blue and yellow, orange and green and purple and white.

Palais Royal—Bargain Basement.



\$5

September Sale of Women's Suits

and Coats

Choice of

Any Spring Suit in Our Stock at \$12.50

About 25 Suits, mostly navy blue and black, including a number of extra large sizes—all are styles suitable for early fall wear.

5 Suits; were \$15.00. Reduced to. \$3.98

5 Silk Coats; were \$19.50 & \$25. Reduced to \$10.00

1 Khaki Kool Coat; was \$65. Reduced to \$19.50

1 Black Satin Coat; was \$70. Reduced to \$25.00

27 Medium-weight Coats, \$10.00

Mostly misses' sizes, in Burella cloth, wool velour, serge and mixtures; original prices were up to \$19.50.

Palais Royal—Third Floor.

Furniture

In the Great September Sale

At Savings of 20%

to 40%

All broken sets and assortments from our August Furniture Sale included at these remarkable reductions.

Palais Royal—Fourth Floor.